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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF ITEMS FROM SEA AROUND ICELAND

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCLANT INFO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
FROM COMICEDEFOR FEB 27TH, REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

QUOTE

RECOVERY OF ITEMS FROM SEA AROUND ICELAND (U)

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1. (C) RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH FORMIN AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS FOLLOWING RECOVERY OF OBJECTS REPORTED REF A, INDICATES PRIMARY CONCERN OF GOI IS WHAT TO TELL THE PRESS IN ORDER TO TAKE PRESSURE OFF MFA GENERATED BY MEDIA DEMANDS FOR INFO, AND TO AVOID CONNOTATION OF PREMATURE DEFERRING TO IDF. ALTHOUGH IDF IMMEDIATELY ASSUMED PHYSICAL CUSTODY, DEVICES WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO DEFENSE FORCE FOR REMOVAL FROM ICELAND UNTIL GOI HAS COMPLETED ITS QUOTE INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE. FORMIN PLANNING TO HAVE STATE TELEVISION PHOTOGRAPHERS TAKE PICTURES OF GOI OFFICIALS EXAMINING SUBJECT DEVICES. ANTICIPATE EXAMINATION TO TAKE PLACE PM 28FEB.

2. (C) ORIGINATOR INTENDS TO COOPERATE WITH GOI IN EVERY WAY FEASIBLE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS POTENTIALLY VALUABLE SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE. CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO AVOID ANY CONNOTATION OF INTERFERENCE WITH GOI INVESTIGATION, BUT WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE ANALYSIS VALUE OF RECOVERED ITEMS.

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